FISCAL NOTE

SB 1681

March 13, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation to establish rules for state recognition of Native Americans within the state. After recognizing such tribes, the department would issue each eligible member an identification card.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - \$55,100
Increase State Expenditures - \$49,200/Recurring \$5,900/One-Time

Assumptions:

- The Department of Environment and Conservation will need one new position at a recurring cost of \$49,200 for salary, benefits, and recurring supply needs.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$5,900 for computer equipment, landscaping and supplies for the new positions.
- An increase in state revenues for the issuance of identification cards.
- Fee rates will be set in such a manner that the program is self-funding.
- At least eight groups that may seek recognition.
- At least a six-month study period for the historical background research required to grant recognition for each group.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. Whate

James W. White, Executive Director